(a) whether his Ministry has sent a proposal for effecting a cut in the domestic prices of High Speed Diesel (HSD) to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any response has been received to this proposal from the PMO and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Study conducted by EIL on setting up of Gas Based Industries

1613. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of study conducted by EIL to explore the feasibility of setting up gas-based industries in Tripura.

(b) if so, what are the industries that have been recommended as having the potentiality of being set up in the State; and

(c) whether any of those industries has any likelihood of being set up in Tripura in Public/Government sector during the Ninth FiveYear Plan with liberal assistance from Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the study conducted by Engineers India Ltd. (EIL), conversion of Natural Gas to Liquid/Solid Hydrocarbons using Renteck Technology was identified as a potential industry.

(c) No, Sir. The Licensors of Rentech Technology in India have not shown adequate interest to proceed further in the matter.

CAG Objections on the loss of preparation of Tender Documents

1614. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG has raised any objection for "Avoidable loss of Rs. 7.61 crore due to negligence in the preparation of tender documents" under para 12.5.2 on page No. 131 in report No. 3 of 1999 (Commercial); and